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"Foxhole Midget" Result of South Pacific Experiences



Commander A. J. Wineland poses with his portable anesthesia machine.

When Cmdr. A. J. Wineland (MC)S USNR reported aboard after almost two years of overseas duty, Oak Knoll obtained not only a Chief Anesthesiologist but a talented inventor as well. His portable anesthetic machine saw extensive and invaluable service in the South Pacific.

Cmdr. Wineland has the following to say about the machine:

"The anesthetic machine shown here has been named 'The Foxhole Midget' by Dr. Richard Foregger of New York, who designed and made it in accordance with my suggestions. Its concept was initiated by my experience in the active area with the Marines.

"Its total weight is eighteen pounds which is much more easily portable than the machine I previously carried, which weighed thirty-seven pounds. With this machine all methods of gas inhalation anesthesia may be administered for surgical needs. Anesthesia equivalent to all other types of machines, portability and simplicity of mechanical operation are its special features.

A graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine, Cmdr. Wineland took his Anesthesiology at St. Vincent's Hospital in In-

dianapolis, Indiana. He served as instructor in this subject at the University of Wisconsin and, previous to his Naval career, practiced as Anesthesiologist in Los Angeles since 1930.

A veteran of World War I, Cmdr. Wineland entered the reserve in 1936 as a full Lieutenant with a V(S) rating in Anesthesiology. According to the District Medical Officer who swore him in, he was the first and only medical officer in the Navy having a specialty rating in that field.

Cmdr. Wineland has had an active and varied career since he reported for active duty October 29, 1941. As Chief of the Department of Anesthesiology for Lion 1 Base Hospital he trained 14 selected corpsmen and two medical officers for this department before going overseas.

His foreign duty began February 26, 1943, and in October of 1943 he was assigned to Surgical Specialists Unit No. 1 SoPac Area, under the command of Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN. He saw action in the Northern Solomons campaigns and later served with Fleet Hospital 107 in this area.